

SCHEDULE 6

Specified risk material, mechanically recovered meat and slaughtering techniques

Sheep and goats in a slaughterhouse

10.—(1) When a sheep or goat is slaughtered, the occupier of a slaughterhouse must remove all specified risk material (other than the spinal cord) as soon as is reasonably practicable after slaughter and in any event before post-mortem inspection.

(2) In the case of a sheep or goat aged over 12 months at slaughter, or which has a permanent incisor erupted through the gum, the occupier of a slaughterhouse must as soon as is reasonably practicable after slaughter—

- (a) remove the spinal cord at the slaughterhouse before the post-mortem inspection;
- (b) send the meat to a cutting plant authorised under paragraph 13(1)(b); or
- (c) in accordance with the first paragraph of point 13 of Part A of Annex XI to the Community TSE Regulation send the meat to a cutting plant in another member State provided that the Food Standards Agency has entered into a written agreement with the competent authority of the receiving member State, and the despatch is in accordance with that agreement.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2)(c), “cutting plant” (“*safle torri*”) means premises—

- (a) approved or conditionally approved as such under Article 31(2) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules⁽¹⁾; or
- (b) operating as such under Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 835/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin⁽²⁾ pending such approval.

(4) failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.

(1) 2002/1416 (W.142)

(2) 2005/1397 (W.111)